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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Examiner: Brian Yong S. Kwon

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FOR: ANTIDIABETIC FORMULATION AND METHOD

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This response is submitted pursuant to the Office Action dated March 6, 2003, to which a response was due on April 6, 2003. A petition for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith, thus extending the due time for response until July 6, 2003. This response is thus filed timely.

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse and for examination purposes only, the subject matter of Group I, encompassing the product comprising metformin and glipizide of claims 1-3 and 11-16.

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants have elected, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-3 and 11-16, for examination purposes only.

The examiner has required restriction of the present application and has divided the claims as follows: